

30. The nutrient composition of claim 26 wherein the standardized concentration of insulinotropic peptide or peptides is sufficient to provide a plateau level of the insulinotropic peptide or peptides in the patient's blood.

31. A nutrient composition comprising a kit containing a first aqueous mixture of a source of carbohydrate nutrients contained in a form for parenteral administration and a second aqueous mixture or solid or gel tab or sustained release matrix of one or more insulinotropic peptides at a standardized concentration and in a form for parenteral administration.

REMARKS

Claims 3-16 have been canceled without prejudice. New claims 17-31 have been added. Accordingly, after entry of this Amendment, claims 1-2 and 17-31 are pending in the application. No new matter was added to the application by the amendments to the claims. Entry of the amendments is accordingly respectfully requested.

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